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SPECIAL MEETING OF THE JEROME TOWN COUNCIL
JEROME CIVIC CENTER - 600 CLARK STREET - COUNCIL CHAMBERS
TUESDAY, JANUARY 26, 2016 AT 6:30 P.M.

ITEM #1:	<p>CALL TO ORDER/ROLL CALL</p> <p>Mayor/Chairperson to call meeting to order. Town Clerk to call and record the roll.</p> <p><i>Mayor Currier called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.</i></p> <p><i>Town Manager/Clerk Candace Gallagher called roll. Present were Mayor Currier, Vice Mayor Freund, Councilmember Stewart, Councilmember Barber and Councilmember Vander Horst.</i></p> <p><i>Also present was Joni Savage, Deputy Town Clerk.</i></p>
ITEM #2: 6:31	<p>LEANING WALL</p> <p>Council will review the Town Engineer's recommendation regarding the recommended fall zone for fencing around the leaning wall, and may approve installation of fencing.</p> <p><i>Ms. Gallagher explained that Doug Slover and Steve Stratton from Westland Resources had been out that day to look at the leaning wall. Thom Martinez, also of Westland Resources provided a document explaining their interpretation and recommendation for the wall, which stated that "the existing wall is at or near failure and is a public health and safety concern." They have recommended that Jersey barriers be placed parallel to the wall at least 14 feet out from its base, with a four-foot fence installed on top of it. In addition, they have recommended a clear zone between the parking lot and the embankment on the lower level in order to contain any rubble that could fall from the wall above and bounce off the buttresses.</i></p> <p><i>Councilmember Vander Horst asked for clarification regarding the "Jersey barrier." Ms. Gallagher explained that a Jersey barrier is a heavy concrete barrier that stands about 2 1/2 feet tall, wider at the bottom than at the top. You will see them along road construction areas. Mr. Stratton had suggested that we may be able to get some at no cost from Coconino County. We could put plaster over them to make them appear old and add wrought iron fencing on the top.</i></p> <p><i>Mayor Currier added that the beam across the top of the leaning wall adds weight and complicates this even further.</i></p> <p><i>Councilmember Stewart said that Jersey barriers are fairly inexpensive, and Yavapai County probably has some in their yard. However, the backhoe could not put those in, so we would need to get a crane to do that.</i></p> <p><i>Councilmember Barber asked about the clear zone, and how much of the parking lot would need to be barricaded. Ms. Gallagher could not say.</i></p> <p><i>Councilmember Stewart said that he believes we would still have room for three horseshoe pits, and added, "The Jersey barriers will be uglier than the buttresses." Mayor Currier suggested that we could add a rough aggregate look to the barriers.</i></p> <p><i>Councilmember Stewart said that the motorcycle area below could use rocks to block them from parking. "We want to take their recommendations," he said, "but we need to be clearer regarding the area to be barricaded." Following a brief discussion, Ms. Gallagher was asked to contact Mr. Slover by telephone. She called but did not reach him, and left a voice message.</i></p> <p><i>There was discussion and confusion regarding how far from the buttresses the barriers would need to be placed, and how close the horseshoe stakes could be to those.</i></p>

	<p>Councilmember Stewart said that the Jersey barriers are heavy duty, and a decorative fence alone would not keep the rubble out. He suggested that, instead, a chain link fence be installed and secured with concrete in the ground. He believes that would be a little less obtrusive than the Jersey barriers. "At the end of the day," Mayor Currier said, "it's going to look weird anyway, no matter how we do it. I'm happy to go with what the engineers suggested."</p> <p>After brief further discussion ...</p> <p>Motion: Mayor Currier made a motion to move forward with what the engineer said, it was seconded by Councilmember Stewart.</p> <p>Councilmember Vander Horst opined that, based on the public health and safety concern, this should not have to go before the Design Review Board. Mayor Currier agreed. It was noted that this has already been declared an emergency by Council.</p> <p>Vice Mayor Freund said that he is still unsure about what the engineers are recommending in the lot below the wall. He is concerned we may lose a substantial part of the parking area. Ms. Gallagher said that she would follow up with them, but she does not believe that they are suggesting we put Jersey barriers in the lot below.</p> <p>Councilmember Vander Horst asked for clarification on the motion.</p> <p>Mayor Currier clarified his motion:</p> <p>Motion (clarified): The motion is to go with the engineers' suggestion to put up Jersey barriers and add decorative fencing.</p> <p>Vice Mayor Freund said that he could replicate the fence that we have but he was not sure how to attach it. Councilmember Stewart said that he would be willing to install it.</p> <p>Council discussed the type and amount of fencing. Councilmember Stewart said that roughly 25 feet of fence would be needed. Mayor Currier asked Vice Mayor Freund what he thought the cost of materials would be. Vice Mayor Freund estimated that to be around \$300.</p> <p>Councilmember Stewart said that we might have more of that fencing material at the old Town Yard.</p> <p>"Let's approve the plan," Mayor Currier said, "and we can decide on the fence later."</p> <p>The motion passed with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 0 abstentions.</p> <p>Mayor Currier instructed Ms. Gallagher to check with the crew to see if we have any fencing and if not, to purchase it. He added that he believes Council has gotten too involved with this project already.</p> <p>Councilmember Stewart asked, when that's done, who will be rebuilding the stone wall. Ms. Gallagher noted that the stone wall was not on this agenda for discussion.</p>
<p>ITEM #3:</p>	<p>ADJOURNMENT</p> <p>Upon motion by Vice Mayor Freund, seconded by Councilmember Vander Horst and unanimously approved, the meeting was adjourned at 6:54 p.m.</p>

Edited by Town Manager/Clerk Candace Gallagher from minutes taken and transcribed by Deputy Town Clerk Joni Savage.

APPROVE:

ATTEST:

Lew Currier, Mayor

Candace B. Gallagher, CMC, Town Manager/Clerk

Date: _____